



State of Arizona
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Naturopathic News

ONLINE EDITION

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Welcome to the new online edition of Naturopathic News.

In an effort to provide informational updates for the profession as quickly as possible, NPBOMEX is publishing Naturopathic News online! The change allows us to produce the newsletters in a time saving format and at the same time cost efficient.

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LICENSING INFORMATION

License Renewal Late Fee

With the new law change, renewal of license and certificates issued by NPBOMEX will incur a late fee to be applied the day after the license or certificate expires. The late fee for medical license is \$180.00. R4-18-107.

Renewal Deadlines

Medical License Renewal: On or before January 1
Student Certificate: One year after Board approval
All Other Certificates: On or before July 1

Renewal of Preceptorship Training Certificate

Those who hold a certificate to conduct a preceptorship training program were issued certificates listing an expiration date of 12/31/03. However, because of a new law change, A.R.S. 32-1526 (D), the renewal date is now July 1. In order to "catch up" with the law, those who conduct preceptorship training programs will renew on or before 12/31/03 for a period of six months to end June 30, 2004. At that time, the physician wanting to continue supervising a Preceptee shall renew for a full year.

Where are you??

The naturopathic law (§A.R.S. 32-1507) states that any person holding a license or certificate must report any change in location, telephone number or name within 30 days of the change. You may do so by downloading the change of address/name form from the web site at www.npbomex.az.gov. You may inform the Board of the change by writing a letter to the Board that includes name (if change, include previous), the new and the old address and telephone number and indication of primary practice location. Please state whether the change is an addition to current locations or if it replaces a location. A fee of \$20 per certificate or license is required at time of change.*

CME Credit

Beginning in 2003, each physician licensed in the State of Arizona must complete 30 credit hours of approved continuing medical education. R4-18-205 (B) lists several options available for physicians. Access our web page at www.npbomex.az.gov and click on Rules. Using the scroll bar or the arrow at the side of the page, scroll to pages 11, 12 and 13.

If, after reading R4-18-205B, you have questions as to whether the class you want to take will count towards CME's, contact the AzNMA at 602-237-7353.

Certificates and other documents attesting to the amount of CME credit earned must be kept at the practice location for 3 consecutive years. A physician is not required to complete CMEs the first year of licensure. The law requires that the Board audit 10% of the licensees each year; therefore, during an office compliance review, physicians will be required to show proof of satisfactory completion of CME credit hours.

REAPPOINTMENT TO NPBOMEX

Dr. Deborah Chelson, NMD, who has served on the naturopathic board since October of 2001, has been reappointed by Governor Janet Napolitano to serve until July of 2005. Dr. Chelson's practice is located in Prescott. She has been licensed in Arizona since 1994.





NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

Governor Napolitano has appointed Ms. Linda Barron as a public member to the Board to fill the position formerly held by Ms. Jeanne Martin. Ms. Barron is an AFAR certified personal trainer and aerobics instructor. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso and worked as a newspaper reporter for four years prior to joining the family's automotive business. She is the mother of three children and volunteers her time assisting with youth fitness programs.

AzNMA HAS NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Ms. Deborah Mainville-Knight is the new executive director of the Arizona Naturopathic Medical Association. Email to the association may be addressed to execdir@aznma.com. The telephone number remains the same at 602 – 237-7353; fax 480 461 1262. The address also continues at 1150 N. Country Club, #8, Mesa AZ 85201 with office hours Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

News Bytes

-  *New Laws in effect as of September 2003. See Laws at www.npbomex.az.gov*
-  *All physicians who conduct preceptorship training must be physically present and within sight or sound.*
-  *Compliance Assistance Reviews continue. Licensees receive two weeks notice of an upcoming site visit.*
-  *For questions regarding pharmacy modules, call the AzNMA at 602-237-7353 or email the questions to the association at execdir@aznma.com.*

- ✚ To streamline operations with an eye to cost efficiency, the Board will soon initiate a new phone system. Callers may choose licensing, investigations and other information quickly with just the press of a button.
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Statistics for Arizona as of November 2003

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| <i>Physicians licensed: 370</i> | <i>Medical Students certified: 130</i> |
| <i>Preceptorship Training Programs: 15</i> | <i>Preceptees: 17</i> |
| <i>Dispensing Certificates/Profit: 193</i> | <i>Dispensing Certificates/Non-profit: 33</i> |
| <i>Naturopathic Medical Assistants: 21</i> | |

Board Meeting Schedule for 2004 – Second Thursday of Every Month

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| <i>January 8</i> | <i>April 8</i> | <i>July 8</i> | <i>October 14</i> |
| <i>February 12</i> | <i>May 13</i> | <i>August 12</i> | <i>November 11</i> |
| <i>March 11</i> | <i>June 10</i> | <i>September 9</i> | <i>December 9</i> |

**A Happy
New
Year!**

*~ New Naturopathic Physicians ~
Licensed in Arizona during the Second Half of 2003*

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| <i>A</i> | Dr. Sima Aidun Dr. Brian Archambault |
| <i>B</i> | Dr. Michael Berke (2002) Dr. Alexis Brereton Dr. Barbara Brooks |
| <i>C</i> | Dr. Arlan Cage Dr. Michele Caraguilo, Dr. Gladys Ceballos-Logan Dr. Jennifer Conover-Nevels |
| <i>F</i> | Dr. Jillian Finker Dr. Karen Freeze |
| <i>G</i> | Dr. Mark Green |
| <i>J</i> | Dr. Mark Janikula |
| <i>K</i> | Dr. Jonathan Kalman Dr. Virginia Keilty Dr. Jamie Kupperman |
| <i>L</i> | Dr. Mikol Leskiewicz Dr. Amy Jane Lilie Dr. Sandy Lutrin |
| <i>M</i> | Dr. Kathleen Muratore |
| <i>N</i> | Dr. Valerie Nix |
| <i>P</i> | Dr. Elizabeth Pedersen Dr. Susan Plourde Dr. Jason Porter Dr. Jonathan Psenka |
| <i>S</i> | Dr. Susan Shahidi |
| <i>T</i> | Dr. Tue Truong Dr. Sonja Tveit-Pettersen |
| <i>W</i> | Dr. Heather Waldor Dr. Amy Whittington |

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